

Alcohol Consumption Regulations (On and Off Campus)

Alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, may be served at registered social events sponsored by recognized campus organizations and at events sponsored by the University or a department of the University in accordance with applicable laws and the University policies on alcohol use. Southeastern Louisiana University fosters an environment free from the illicit and irresponsible use of alcohol by members of the Southeastern community. This policy has been established in an effort to maintain a balance between the interests of the individual and the University. The University realizes that it has limited resources which make it impossible to monitor all off-campus events where alcohol may be present; however, we are required by federal mandate to ensure that students and student organizations are aware of local and state laws regarding alcohol and to require adherence to these laws and the practice of responsible drinking behavior.

All members of the Southeastern community are ultimately responsible for their choices and behavior regarding alcohol. Individuals and organizations should be aware that they may be held individually and/or collectively liable for incidents resulting from the illegal or uncontrolled use of alcohol. It is the purpose of this policy, however, to help ensure that federal, state and local laws and recognized strategies designed to promote the responsible and safe use of alcohol are followed. Inappropriate behaviors and associated negative consequences of alcohol abuse or misuse will not be tolerated. All persons, regardless of their status (students, employees, and guests) must adhere to the alcohol policies herein while at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Facilities: Sale, Possession, and Consumption

The purpose of this section is to designate those areas on campus where legal consumption of alcohol will be allowed, and to designate under what conditions group events may involve alcohol. This policy will apply to the sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol in or at any University sponsored or registered event on campus.

State law prohibits the purchase, public possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by persons under the age of 21. For the purposes of this policy, all areas of the University are considered "public" places. The possession, consumption, sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages are prohibited except in those areas where such activities are specifically allowed. Properly registered individuals and student organizations may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in accordance with federal, state, and local law, and University regulations, in the following areas:

1. Dining Facility Complex
2. Student Union Building (Designated/Registered areas)
3. University Center (Designated/Registered areas)
4. Southeastern Oaks (Subject to terms of lease, only those 21 years of age or older; consumption only, not for sale)
5. Columbia Theater (Designated/Registered areas)
6. Alumni Center

7. Other areas specifically approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

Possession, sale and/or consumption of alcohol by any person, regardless of age, are prohibited in public areas which include, but are not limited to:

1. Intramural Sports Fields
2. Residence Hall rooms, lobbies, lounges, and immediate adjacent property
3. Academic Buildings (except for certain designated/registered areas for special purposes)
4. Strawberry Stadium
5. Other athletic fields and facilities.
6. Coliseum and Pavilion

No student organization alcohol event whether on or off campus, may be advertised, nor may guests be invited, until that event has been approved by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

Student Organization Alcohol Event

Many questions arise in conjunction with what is considered an alcohol event. While the following list is not exhaustive it does serve as a starting point. An activity may be classified as an organization alcohol event if it meets any of the following:

Alcohol is present and . . .

1. The event lasts longer than 60 minutes.
2. The event has 10 or more non-members present.
3. The event has more than one organization in attendance.
4. The event has more than ½ of organizations members present.
5. The event has amplified sound (live music, DJ, loud stereo).

An activity may also be considered an event based on the answers to these questions:

1. Would an observer associate it with the organization?
2. Did the incident involve expenditure of organization funds?
3. What was the purpose of the event?
4. Who purchased the alcohol?
5. How the attendees learn about the party?
6. What is the perception of the event?
7. Who is assuming responsibility for the party?
8. Was the event actively or passively endorsed by other members of the organization?
9. Was the event publicized either in written form or by word of mouth as an organizational event?
10. Did the event take place on the organization's property, or occur on/in a location which had been contracted or by the organization or in a private residence for the purpose of holding an organization sponsored event?

11. Was the organization's advisor, or any of the executive officers of the organization, aware of the event before it took place?
12. Were police called to quiet or shut down the event?

Common Regulations For Student Organization Alcohol Events

The following regulations will govern both On and Off-Campus Student Organization Events at which alcohol will be present:

1. At least one representative from the student organization requesting an alcohol event must be Southeastern "Alcohol Edu" trained and must be in attendance at the event. To register for this training, call (985)-549-2144.
2. Alcohol may not be purchased with organizational or departmental funds nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member, individually or collectively, in the name of, or on behalf of, the organization or department. Organizational or departmental funds may be used to buy food and non-alcoholic beverages.
3. No organization may co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host groups or organizations.
4. The cost of alcoholic beverages may not be included in the cost of an admission ticket, cover charge, or any other assessment required of members or guests. No contributions or donations for alcoholic beverages can be solicited or accepted at the event.
5. All events must be registered at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day the event will be held. The completed Registration of Activity Form must be submitted and a meeting with the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and the organization's eight (8) non-drinking monitors must have occurred by 4:30 p.m. the day preceding the event or on the last working day of the week if the event falls on a weekend before the event will be approved. This meeting will cover the BYOB or Third Party Vendor regulations as well as the state laws. The eight (8) non-drinking monitors must include the following individuals from the organization:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Social Chair
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Four (4) other senior members.
6. The organization's official advisor, who must be a full-time faculty or staff member, must be present at the event for its duration. The advisor may designate a substitute, who must also be a member of the faculty or staff, if cleared with the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs by 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the event. The event will not start until the advisor arrives.

7. Alcoholic beverages are to be served as an adjunct to social events and may not be the primary focus of the event. For this reason, at all functions where alcohol is served, sufficient quantities of food and non-alcoholic beverages must be provided. The food served must be substantial, e.g., cheese, sandwiches, dips. Water cannot be the only non-alcoholic beverage served.
8. The sale, availability or distribution of alcohol to anyone under twenty-one (21) years of age is strictly prohibited. Common containers of alcoholic beverages will not be allowed unless controlled by the server. All alcohol will be stored and legally dispensed in a designated service area within the approved site. The supply of alcoholic beverages must not be accessible to anyone except the server.
9. All alcohol must be consumed within the area in which it is served. No containers, either open or closed, may leave the area. A trash can must be placed at the exit for this purpose.
10. Drinking games which encourage the rapid consumption or the consumption of large amounts of alcohol are prohibited.
11. Advertisement for a party may mention alcohol only in the following ways:
 - (a) "Cash bar available"
 - (b) "Alcoholic Refreshments available"
12. At all events where alcohol is served, the organization or department must ensure that obviously intoxicated persons are not served alcoholic beverages. The organization or department must also designate a means of preventing intoxicated persons from driving (e.g., designated, non-drinking drivers; shuttles; etc.).
13. No organization may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern (establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present. Sponsorship where non-alcoholic merchandise, e.g., cups, caps, banners, etc. is provided may be held with the approval of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Alcohol, bar tabs, coupons for free or reduced price drinks, etc., may not be awarded as prizes for any raffles or other events. Alcohol may not be distributed free-of-charge by an alcohol company or distributor at any University event or under any other circumstances on campus.
14. University departments and organizations may not distribute alcohol free-of-charge to the general public (i.e. persons not members of the group or their specifically invited guests).
15. Open parties, (those with unrestricted access by non-organization members, without specific invitation) shall be prohibited. An exception to this will be University-produced entertainment or social events, and tailgating.
16. An organization is only allowed to sponsor a total of three alcoholic events Monday through Thursday during each semester.

17. No events involving alcohol will be approved for the week prior to and the week of finals. Also, no events involving alcohol will be approved during Spring Break or semester breaks.
18. Student Greek Chapters invited to Alumni Greek Chapter events (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) must register the event as if they were holding the event themselves and must adhere to all University rules and policy.
19. Persons representing Southeastern off-campus or who reasonably could be construed as doing so (e.g., at conferences, seminars, competitions, performances, other activities/events) must behave legally and responsibly regarding the use of alcohol, abiding by the laws and policies of the states and/or institutions where they are visiting. The University may take action against individuals or organizations who engage in off-campus consumption of alcohol when it has negatively impacted or threatened to negatively impact the university's mission or activities or the health, safety, or welfare of the University community.
20. Any event held at an establishment whose main business is serving alcohol, will be treated as an alcohol event and the organization must follow the alcohol policy.
21. Special circumstances may be appealed to the Alcohol Committee fourteen (14) days prior to the event for special consideration.

NOTE

The regulations contained in this policy are designed to meet the needs of the university and a wide range of student organizations. A copy of Southeastern's BYOB and/or Third Party Vendor regulations may be picked up in the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Some organizations with national affiliations or university councils may have additional or more stringent guidelines with which they must comply. Such organizations are expected to abide by those guidelines.

On-Campus (Non-tailgating) Alcohol Events

In addition to the above, the following regulations will apply to On-Campus (non-tailgating) Events and Alcohol Consumption:

1. Alcohol will be allowed only at catered Food Service events and will be sold by Campus Dining personnel.
2. At least one commissioned University Policy Officer must be present to maintain security and assist in enforcing applicable laws and regulations. The number of officers required, or an exemption from this requirement, will be based on the nature of the event and the number of participants. Organizations and/or departments are responsible for contacting and paying for the cost of such officers.
3. BYOB events will not be allowed on campus.

Off-Campus Alcohol Events

1. No organization may sell alcohol.
2. All events must be in a restricted area, no coming and going into and out of the restricted area is allowed - no open parties. Events must end by 2:00 a.m.
3. Bulk quantities and/or common containers of alcohol, e.g., kegs, party balls, jungle juice, etc. will not be allowed. At bars or private clubs, no pitchers or shots of alcohol should be sold. Beverages allowed to be brought into an event by persons 21 years of age or older include:
 - a. Six beers, or
 - b. four wine coolers, or
 - c. one liter of wine, or
 - d. four pre-packaged mixed drinks.
4. If the group is traveling by bus, no alcohol is allowed on the bus.